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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 21, 2001, please amend the application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following additional new claims:

--20. A method to avoid spotting on a cigarette paper wrapper comprising:  
applying a first layer of a cellulose derivative to a layer of paper; and  
applying a second layer of said cellulose derivative to said layer of paper.--

--21. A method as described in Claim 17, wherein said cellulose derivative is ethyl  
cellulose.--

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